

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner allowed Claims 21, 22 and 4-6. The Examiner issued a final rejection of the other then pending claims – Claims 3 and 7-20. Specifically, Claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 and Claims 7-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,544,294.

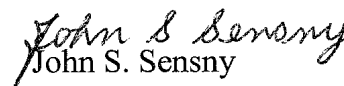
In an earlier Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 116, dated July 16, 2007, Applicants proposed amending Claims 7, 13 and 19 to better define the subject matters of these claims. In an Advisory Action dated Aug. 2, 2007, the Examiner indicated that Amendment would not be entered because it raises new issues.

In order to expedite an allowance of this application, Applicants are herein canceling all of the rejected Claims 3 and 7-20. This leaves claims 4-6, 21 and 22, which have all been allowed, in the application.

Applicants are canceling Claims 3 and 7-20 from further consideration in this application. Applicants are not conceding in this application that those claims are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as the present claim cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of the allowable subject matter noted by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications.

It is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance, a notice of which is requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicants' Attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is asked to telephone the undersigned.

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